opening of new colleges in view of the ordinance issued in regard to opening of medical and dental colleges; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) There is a Scheme presently under formulation, as provided in the Ordinances, which would contain certain guidelines for persons/Societies intending to set up medical/dental colleges.

Oral contraceptives IUDS causing adverse effect on the Family Planning Programme

1432. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that oral contraceptives and IUDS have adversely affected the Family Planning Programme; and

(b) if so, what is the achievement in Family Planning during the last five years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As a result of the various steps taken under the National Family Welfare Programme, the birth rate has been brought down from 32.6 in 1986 to 30.2 per thousand during 1990.

Deaths of patients in Safdarjung Hospital

1433. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to a press report published in "The Hindu" dated the 23rd September, 1992 to the effect that eight patients admitted in the family surgical wards in Safdarjung Hospital had serious reaction following the administration of out-dated drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the mathods to monitor and examine the stores of the hospital so that spurious or out-dated drugs are not stocked ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Eight patients admitted in the female surgical ward of Safdarjung Hospital developed some adverse reactions. However, this was controlled by timely medical attention and seven patients were discharged after recovery. One patient expired due to intestinal obstruction and not due to administration of IV Fluids.

(c) The methods of monitoring includes the testing of the drugs/medicines by the Government approved agencies, maintenance of bin-cards and inspection of the stores by the Hospital authorities.

Deaths due to Cholera in and around Bhopal (M.P.)

1434. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there was cholera epidemic in and around Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh during August, 1992 resulting in a number of deaths particularly of children;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the causes of the epidemic and lapses on the part of authorities;

(c) if so, what are the details of the results thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken or steps recommended to the State Government to prevent the recurrence of such epidemics in Bhopal and adjoining areas in Madhya Pradesh ?